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him being around and has invited him to visit her in Glasgow. She said of Jermaine, who was in the audience on Saturday: "We're just taking it slow. I've asked him to come up to see me."

But a source said: "Nikitta has still got the X Factor as far as Jermaine is concerned."

"The two of them have grown really close and him going to stay at her house will certainly up the

stakes in their relationship." Nikitta revealed that it was hard to go through the pressure of the show without her mum, who died last year from breast cancer.

Street

She said: "I had my family there but there were times I just wished she was there."

The singer also admitted she was struggling with her new-found fame.

She added: "I get really shocked when people keep coming up to me in the street. I don't know what to say."

Meanwhile, Leona Lewis, 21, is now the bookies' favourite to win the contest after wowing the crowd with Elton John classic Sorry Seems to Be The Hardest Word on Saturday.

Latest odds are: Leona 11-10; Ben 13-8; Eton Road 7-2; Robert 20-1; Ray 33-1; The MacDonald Brothers 50-1.

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WRECK: Car of Miss Dynamite, inset below



Dynamite in crash terror

RAPPER Ms Dynamite was recovering last night after a terrifying 100mph crash while filming for Sky One's The Race.

The back of her Formula Ford car was clipped by AC/DC star Brian Johnson, 59, during the show's finale at Silverstone in Northamptonshire.

Ms Dynamite, 25, was sent spinning down the track for 50 yards before her car came to a halt. A spokesman said: "She doesn't appear to have any serious injuries but she's very shaken."

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ROYLE Family star Ricky Tomlinson has become a hot favourite for a festive number one with his single - Christmas My Arse. Bookies this week slashed odds on the Scouse actor from 40-1 to just 7-1 after punters piled in. Ricky, 67, who plays gobby slob Jim Royle in the BBC TV hit show, is now only behind the X Factor winner and Take That in the betting.

BUY TAX-FREE CIGS AND BOOZE ON WEB

JOR KIDDING: Kate and Peter revealed their baby plans at the BBC gig yesterday



I want tot No.3

GLAMOUR girl Jordan last night told how she wants to boost her fan club - by trying for more kids! The model-turned-singer, real name Kate Price, said her first two children - Harvey, four, and 17-month-old Junior - can't get enough of her crooning. After performing new single A

Whole New World with hubby Peter Andre, 33, at Radio 1's Live Chart Show in Brighton, the 28-year-old said the pair "can't stop practising" for another nipper. The CD of four original tunes and love song covers is in aid of five charities including the Richard Desmond Eye Centre at London's Moorfields Eye Hospital.

BRITS could soon have cheap booze and cigs delivered to their door.

An EU ruling will prevent us paying billions in tax by allowing orders over the internet.

Only the duty in the country of origin is paid, meaning potential savings are huge. In Latvia, 200 cigs cost only £7.20, a saving of about £43. And several European countries charge no duty on wine, while in Britain the Government levies £1.29 per 75cl bottle.

A decision by the European Court of Justice is due next week - but the

by PAUL MALLEY

Government is fighting the move. The Treasury rakes in £15billion a year from duty on alcohol and cigarettes.

Euro MP Charles Tannock, Tory spokesman on the duty-free trade, said: "This will be a huge embarrassment to Gordon Brown."

Rip-off

The move could also spell the end of the booze cruise. For years Brits have beaten rip-off prices in Britain by loading cars with cut-price drink and cigs on cross-Channel trips. Now they may be able to order cheap supplies on the web and have them delivered.

A spokesman for P&O Ferries said the firm planned to take advantage of the ruling by providing new services.

He said: "We see it as a real opportunity for our business. We could offer a more door-to-door service for customers."

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How Brits do their duty

EXCISE duty on a 75cl bottle of wine in Britain is £1.29 but in 12 EU countries it is zero, and in France it is less than 2p. Britain has the second-highest rate on spirits, after Sweden, at

£5.48 for 70cl. For beer, there is an excise rate of 37p a pint - 19 other states have rates below 10p. And for a £5.23 packet of 20 cigarettes, the Government takes £4.03 in tax.

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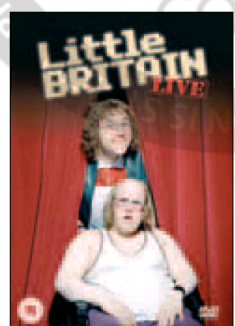
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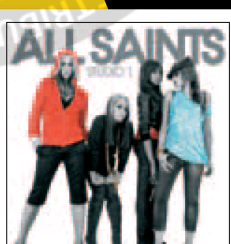
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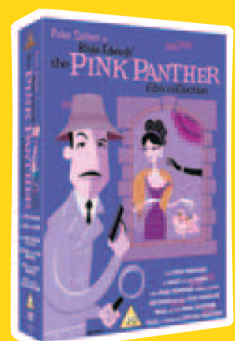
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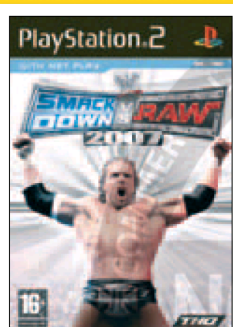
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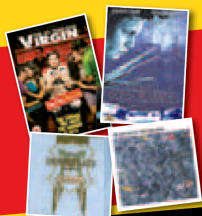


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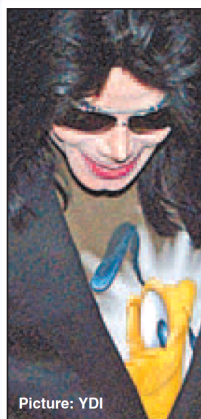
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WHAT A DRAG!

PERVY TRANNY STALKS JACKO

MICHAEL Jackson has hired four ex-SAS minders after being stalked by a drag queen.

And the singer, 48, has resorted to wearing bulletproof vests – even in bed.

Michael – who will perform Thriller this Wednesday at London's Earls Court for the World Music Awards – is said to be so troubled by the lewd letters he has been sent, he even struggles to sleep at night.

Seedy

An insider said: "This person is plaguing his life and has sent some seriously dodgy letters."

"They are from a man who works as a drag queen in the seedy Kings Cross area of Sydney."

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least and this person is seemingly obsessed with Michael.

"He writes all kinds of things saying that he knows Michael and wants to marry him."

"Known by his nickname Melanie, he tells Michael he needs to marry him."

"He writes up to 100 letters a day and he sometimes sends personal body fluids to other celebrities."

"Michael isn't taking any risks and has hired four big SAS minders and you really wouldn't want to mess."

"He has been plagued by this stalker and has taken extra precautions which include wearing bulletproof vests."

"Michael has been having

problems sleeping because of this bad dude."

Michael is also said to be preparing to make a huge comeback in the music industry.

His performance in London this week will be his first UK appearance in nine years and he will collect the diamond award.

Wig

He arrived in London last night wearing a centre-parted wig, dark glasses and cartoon Pluto T-shirt.

The wig was probably meant to help Jacko keep a low profile, but he still caught our snapper's eye at the Hempel Hotel in London.

Our Bayswater spy added: "It's for his safety as much as anything else. But his security team are top notch and will make sure he is untouched."

You can't Beat It...

Picture: BRETT, XPOSURE



PARIS Hilton has been behaving impeccably since being flown to Blighty and she dressed down in a black gown for a night out with good pal **Jade Jagger**. With this dress and sensible hairstyle, you'd hardly believe it's the same party-loving Paris we have been out with countless times in both LA and London. But the 25-year-old seems to have been taking tips from designer Jade, 35. Let's hope she listens and learns...

SPOTTED

IN London:
Gwyneth Paltrow in Fresh & Wild, Camden, **Davinia Taylor** in St John's Wood and **Liam Gallagher** at the Belsize, Belsize Park, **Billie Piper** leaving Pizza Express, Belsize Park, **Liz Hurley** in Selfridges, **Joanna Lumley** watching Dirty Dancing at the Aldwych Theatre and in Manchester, **Sean Lennon** at the Lowry Hotel.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH dull and boring singer spent a stash of cash at a massage parlour in Leeds before heading off to a hotel with two soap stars? And the not-so-innocent one then asked them to "lick" his hairy chest and yell his name out aloud. But then he's always been a tad vain. He constantly begs his staff to tell him he's looking "sexy". T...t.

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?



QUICKIE.. QUICKIE.. QUICKIE..

LOVELY Lily Allen has revealed her weight makes her feel depressed. Watching a fashion show in Paris left the 21-year-old feeling a misery-guts.

She said: "It struck me how skinny models are. They made me very aware of my own size 10. It's depressing." Learn to love yourself love.

WE'RE into MySpace here at Goss Towers, so the latest "must" sweeping through Tinseltown doesn't surprise us. The likes of Nicole Richie, 25, and the Olsen sisters are hiring MySpace consultants. And you've been warned, our blogs will be online very soon.



Pictures: XPOSURE



LINDSAY FAILS TO LIE LOH AGAIN

DOES Lindsay Lohan do anything other than go out on the lash?

The 20-year-old, who has been out every night for a week, wore a beanie hat, above, in a bid to go unnoticed at Teddy's nightclub in Hollywood. She was snapped leaving with Paris Hilton's on-off fella Stavros Niarchos, 21, right, who thought a shirt would do. She didn't break any bones – but there's always tomorrow for her next little drama...



Pictures: X17

Dan's a real doll

WHAT a difference a bit of face paint and a pair of heels can make, as we remind ourselves daily.

Shamed Miss Great Britain Danielle Lloyd made sure that, after a shopping spree in Liverpool, right, she spruced up with fine form to give the likes of Alex Curran, 23, and Co a run for their money.

Danielle, 22, is bouncing back after being stripped of her title for letting slip she was in a relationship with West Ham star Teddy Sheringham, 40, who was a Miss GB judge.

It was a nice bit of PR anyway.

But the mind boggles... whatever next?



WIN James Bond's mobile phone

OUR Martinis are at the ready to welcome Bond star Daniel Craig with open arms at the UK premiere of Casino Royale tomorrow.

And the fab flick, in which he uses this funky Sony Ericsson, is set to be a huge success.

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Honey Be has fans in swarm

BEYONCE Knowles may have just wanted a quiet night at her central London hotel – but she was still all smiles for the cameras. The 25-year-old American R&B star looked simply delicious in this black diamante dress. And the beauty was down to earth when hordes of adoring fans fawned over her for autographs. An onlooker said: "Beyoncé was lovely and so smiley. She was very polite and gladly signed fans' autographs." And if this is what she wore for a low-key evening, we can't wait to see what she'll be wearing at this Wednesday's World Music Awards at Earls Court in London.

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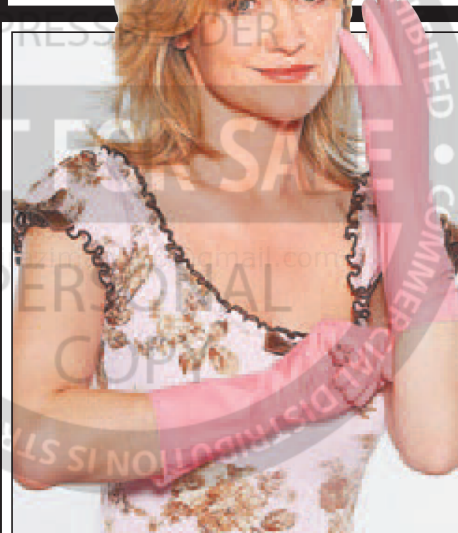
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CLEAN WINNER: Anthea thinks girls can have it all

HOUSEWIVES SEX-STARVED

by JASON GREEN

DESPERATE housewives say they don't get enough sex – because all the cleaning and cooking leaves them too tired.

A new survey has revealed that 35% of Brit women say they're starved of nookie but haven't the time or energy for it.

And that's because they're far too busy running around with the vacuum cleaner. Nearly half of the women surveyed spent more than six hours a week doing housework but less than 15 minutes having nookie.

Juggling

On top of all the chores, British housewives are also more likely than ever before to have a career, with 75% holding down a job.

Sexy Anthea Turner, 46, reckons girls can do the lot – as she showed by offering tips to women on her BBC3 show Perfect Housewife.

But writer and housework expert Rita Konig thinks it can be impossible to strike a balance. She said: "We are now juggling so much that something has to give. Unfortunately, it appears that it's sex that suffers."

"If you're not having sex with your husband, it won't be long before someone else is. You don't want to be doing the Hoovering while someone else is doing your husband."

The survey was commissioned to mark today's DVD release of Desperate Housewives Series 2.

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Under-16 girls rampant

A THIRD of teenage girls lose their virginity before they are 16.

The shock figure was revealed in a survey of 1,700 teens. Almost half of those who'd had under-age sex said they did it because were in

love, but 11% said they lost their virginity because they were drunk.

The survey was carried out by YouGov for ITV1 show This Morning as part of its Sex Week – which kicks off today at 10.30am.

Mummies & Braddies

STARS TAKE TOTS ON LOCATION



INDIAN CARRY-OUT: Angelina carries little Zahara, while Brad has fun with Maddox in Mumbai yesterday

by EMMA WALL

PROUD parents Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt showed off their family yesterday as they took a break from filming in the heat of India. The Hollywood stars carried their two adopted children as they went on a sightseeing stroll through the streets of Mumbai.

Gorgeous Angelina, 31, carried one-year-old Zahara, while Brad, 42, hoisted five-year-old Maddox up on his shoulders.

Their latest arrival, five-month-old Shiloh, was left behind in the care of a nanny.

One onlooker said: "They looked the perfect family. They seemed relaxed and really delighted to show off their family."

Angelina and Brad are in India to film *A Mighty Heart*, which tells the story of US journalist Daniel Pearl, 38, who was kidnapped and murdered by al-Qaida terrorists in Pakistan in 2002.

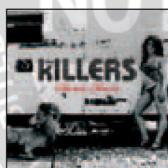
Angelina stars as Daniel's widow Mariane, now 39, while Brad is producing the movie.

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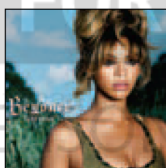
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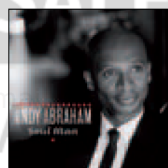
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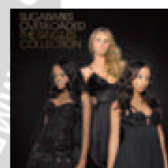
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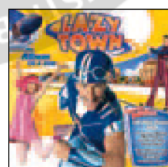
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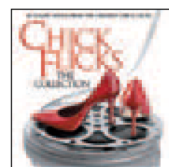
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Crime family netted £1.1m in daylight house raids

STOLEN BY STEELE



by JERRY LAWTON

A FAMILY of burglars called Steele made £1.1million in just two years by carrying out daylight raids on posh homes.

They were dubbed "The Untouchables" because they were so expert at covering their tracks.

The family turned their semi-detached house into Fort Knox by fitting it with iron gates and a steel-lined front door imported from China.

Booty

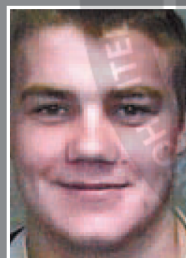
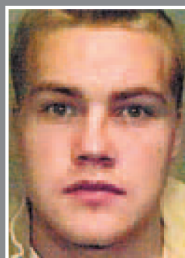
CCTV cameras monitored all the rooms, which were also fitted with motion detectors.

The £50,000 security system guarded their booty.

And the gang was only caught when police launched a special surveillance operation aimed at bringing them to justice.

Last night four family members – dad and gang boss Ralph, 38, his

GANG BOSS:
Ralph Steele



FAMILY BUSINESS: Sons Kevin and Mark and their cousin Paul

nephew Paul, 21, and sons Mark, 20, and Kevin, 18 – were starting jail sentences totalling 17-and-a-half years.

Leeds Crown Court heard the Steeles raided 72 exclusive homes for jewellery and cash.

They targeted Asian households in the west Yorkshire cities of Leeds

and Bradford. Their owners did not use banks and kept vast amounts of money and gems in their safes.

Swoop

The gang spent weeks surveying properties before making a swoop.

They used their expert knowledge of security sys-

tems to disable alarms. Det Sgt Steve Thomas, a member of the team that snared the family, said: "Their semi-detached house was the most heavily fortified I have seen in my life."

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V's a jolly good fella

NO, cheeky Robbie Williams isn't publicising his new album Rudebox. His two-finger salute is the polite way round, just like Churchill's V For Victory.

Maybe the 32-year-old Brit superstar felt like flying the flag after a night on the tiles in Beverly Hills.

Robbie prizes: See Hot, Page 27



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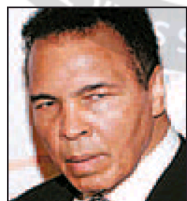
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THE GREATEST: Ali

BOXING legend Muhammad Ali watched his daughter follow in his footsteps as she successfully defended her world title in New York. The frail ex-world heavyweight champ has Parkinson's Disease but proudly took a ring-side seat to see Laila, 28, above left, retain her super-middleweight title by stopping Shelley Burton in the fourth round.

Cheers of "Ali! Ali!" filled Madison Square Garden where the Louisville Lip lost to Joe Frazier, 62, in the first of their three epic fights. Ali, 64, later headed off to a Parkinson's benefit gala organised by fellow sufferer and Back to the Future star Michael J Fox, 45.

Corrie 'danger star' banned PC FOOLS IN A TIZZ OVER FIZ



LIGHTS FEAR: Jennie

■ **EXCLUSIVE** by JERRY LAWTON

BUREAU PRATS have banned Corrie's Fiz Brown from switching on Christmas lights – because it's too dangerous.

Town bigwigs feared so many fans would turn up to see Fiz that they'd need anti-surge barriers.

And they moaned that they couldn't get enough in time for the planned visit by actress Jennie McAlpine, 21, this coming Saturday.

Whimper

Fed-up locals in Scarborough, North Yorks, branded the cancellation "barny".

One fumed: "They must be off their rockers. Fiz may be fun to watch on the telly but she's hardly Robbie Williams. I can't see thousands mobbing her. Now the lights will go on with a whimper."

One councillor, Penny Marsden, stormed: "The ban is a joke. This is no football crowd. It's a joyous occasion and we are going to rob children of it."

Last year, about 10,000 saw Corrie's Kirk Sutherland (actor Andy Whyment, 24) flick the switch.

This year, police, firemen and some councillors feared crowds would be at risk.

Council spokesman Malcolm Hall said: "We're all bitterly disappointed but the health and safety of people is paramount."

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Druggies' deal

■ by LOUISA BARNETT

JUNKIE prisoners could get thousands of pounds in compensation from the Government because they were forced to stop taking drugs in jail.

Heroin addicts said the cold turkey they were due to undergo amounted to assault.

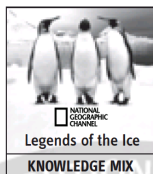
Some 198 lags are on the verge of making an out-of-court settlement with the Prison Service.

But if that fails a full hearing – based on six test cases – will start in the High Court today.

John Midgley, of the Campaign Against Political Correctness, said: "It sounds to me that ordinary tax-paying members of the public are again the victims of the crazy compensation culture."



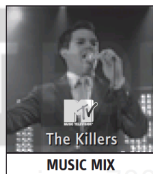
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Express Star Charts

■ A BAD time for troubled Paul Gascoigne, right, as he broke down after another boozy fracas. Meanwhile, Kylie's back, Girls Aloud go from strength to strength with their greatest hits album and Westlife score another number one.

■ THE OK! Celebrity Chart is based on stars' coverage in Express Newspapers – your Daily Star, Daily Star Sunday and our sister papers, the Daily Express and the Sunday Express – and OK! Britain's best celebrity mag.



TOP 40 ALBUMS



- 1 (-) HIGH TIMES – SINGLES 1992-2006 Jamiroquai
- 2 (-) ANGELIS Angelis
- 3 (1) THE SOUND OF – THE GREATEST HITS Girls Aloud
- 4 (-) 9 Damien Rice
- 5 (-) SERENADE Katherine Jenkins
- 6 (-) MOTION IN THE OCEAN McFly
- 7 (-) HIT PARADE Paul Weller
- 8 (-) TWO'S COMPANY – THE DUETS Cliff Richard
- 9 (2) RUDEBOX Robbie Williams
- 10 (3) BACK TO BLACK Amy Winehouse
- 11 (-) THOSE THE BROKES Magic Numbers
- 12 (4) BAT OUT OF HELL 3 – THE MONSTER IS LOOSE Meat Loaf
- 13 (10) FUTURESEX / LOVESOUNDS Justin Timberlake
- 14 (8) TA-DAH Scissor Sisters
- 15 (-) NUMBER ONES Abba
- 16 (-) STILL THE SAME – GREAT ROCK CLASSICS OF Rod Stewart
- 17 (7) RAZORLIGHT Razorlight
- 18 (11) SAM'S TOWN Killers
- 19 (5) THE BLACK PARADE My Chemical Romance
- 20 (13) EYES OPEN Snow Patrol
- 21 (15) DUETS – AN AMERICAN CLASSIC Tony Bennett
- 22 (14) UNDISCOVERED James Morrison
- 23 (-) GO – THE VERY BEST OF Moby
- 24 (17) THE ULTIMATE Luther Vandross
- 25 (28) I'M NOT DEAD Pink
- 26 (21) INSIDE IN / INSIDE OUT Kooks
- 27 (20) THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE Lemar
- 28 (18) B'DAY Beyoncé
- 29 (19) THE VERY BEST OF Aerosmith
- 30 (16) EMPIRE Kasabian
- 31 (29) BACK TO BASICS Christina Aguilera
- 32 (12) HALF THE PERFECT WORLD Madeleine Peyroux
- 33 (23) COSTELLO MUSIC Fratellis
- 34 (26) THESE STREETS Paolo Nutini
- 35 (27) UNDER THE IRON SEA Keane
- 36 (30) BLACK HOLES & REVELATIONS Muse
- 37 (35) TWELVE STOPS AND HOME Feeling
- 38 (-) FOREVER – THE SINGLES Charlatans
- 39 (9) ENDLESSWIRE The Who
- 40 (24) THE OPEN DOOR Evanescence

THE OK! CELEBRITY CHART

- 1) **BRITNEY SPEARS:** The singer filed to divorce husband Kevin Federline.
- 2) **DAVID GEST:** Liza Minnelli's ex-husband irritated fellow I'm A Celebrity contestants with his demands before the reality show even started.
- 3) **GIRLS ALOUD:** The feisty five celebrated being No.1 in the album chart last week.
- 4) **SIMON COWELL:** Pop mogul Simon had to choose between his wannabes Ray and Nikkita on The X Factor – and Nikkita ended up going home.
- 5) **VICTORIA BECKHAM:** Mrs. Beckham spoke of her fury over a website which ridicules the eating habits of celebrities.



- 6) **KYLIE:** The fabulous Showgirl was simply sensational with her Homecoming tour in Sydney, Australia.
- 7) **PAUL GASCOIGNE:** Former England footballer Gazza broke down and admitted he doesn't care about himself.
- 8) **WESTLIFE:** The hunky Irish chart-toppers got to number one in the singles countdown with The Rose.
- 9) **RAY FEARON:** Coronation Street actor Ray, aka Nathan Harding, was voted out of Strictly Come Dancing.
- 10) **DANIEL CRAIG:** The smooth actor started the rounds of relentless promotional work ahead of tomorrow's UK premiere of his new 007 film Casino Royale.

TOP 40 SINGLES



- 1 (-) THE ROSE Westlife
- 2 (6) THE SAINTS ARE COMING U2 & Green Day
- 3 (11) ROCK STEADY All Saints
- 4 (1) PUT YOUR HANDS UP FOR DETROIT Fedde Le Grand
- 5 (4) IRREPLACEABLE Beyoncé
- 6 (2) YEAH YEAH Bodyrox ft Luciana
- 7 (3) SOMETHING KINDA OOOOH Girls Aloud
- 8 (30) EASY Sugababes
- 9 (-) JUMP Madonna
- 10 (5) WELCOME TO THE BLACK PARADE My Chemical Romance
- 11 (8) AMERICA Razorlight
- 12 (-) SMACK THAT Akon ft Eminem
- 13 (7) REHAB Amy Winehouse
- 14 (-) MY LOVE Justin Timberlake ft Ti
- 15 (-) THIS IS NOT REAL LOVE George Michael & Mutya
- 16 (10) ROCK THIS PARTY (EVERYBODY DANCE NOW) Bob Sinclar & Cutee B
- 17 (-) SHOOT THE RUNNER Kasabian
- 18 (-) SELF CONTROL Internal
- 19 (9) STAR GIRL McFly
- 20 (15) I DON'T FEEL LIKE DANCIN' Scissor Sisters
- 21 (14) LONG WAY 2 GO Cassie
- 22 (-) WILD BLUE YONDER Paul Weller
- 23 (21) SEXYBACK Justin Timberlake
- 24 (20) COME TO ME P Diddy ft Nicole Scherzinger
- 25 (12) COMING AROUND AGAIN Simon Webbe
- 26 (27) CHASING CARS Snow Patrol
- 27 (16) IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW Meat Loaf ft Marion Raven
- 28 (-) LOVELIGHT Robbie Williams
- 29 (-) I JUST WANNA KNOW Taio Cruz
- 30 (23) WONDERFUL WORLD James Morrison
- 31 (28) HIPS DON'T LIE Shakira ft Wyclef Jean
- 32 (18) RUNAWAY Jamiroquai
- 33 (-) HURT Christina Aguilera
- 34 (25) I WRITE SINS NOT TRAGEDIES Panic At The Disco
- 35 (33) BREAKING FREE Cast Of High School Musical
- 36 (26) IT'S OKAY Game ft Junior Reid
- 37 (-) SET THE FIRE TO THE THIRD BAR Snow Patrol/Martha Wainwright
- 38 (32) EVERYTIME WE TOUCH Cascada
- 39 (-) I FOUND OUT Pigeon Detectives
- 40 (35) CHECKIN' IT OUT Lil' Chris

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Hanky panky for Frankie

CORRIE fans are in for a shock when love-struck Jamie Baldwin finally gets his sexy stepmum Frankie into bed.

Cafe worker Frankie (Debra Stephenson, 34) agrees to remarry her ex-husband Danny (Bradley Walsh, 46). And devastated Jamie (Rupert Hill, 27) decides to flee Weatherfield.

Visit

But Frankie can't bear to see him go and they end up jumping in the sack together.

They are nearly rumoured when Danny pays an unexpected visit to Frankie's house. A Corrie



LUST: Jamie and Frankie

insider said: "Jamie's threat to leave is enough to spark a reaction with Frankie and she finally realises how strong her feelings are for him."

Actress Debra revealed: "Frankie knows she can't live without Jamie."

But she warned: "You know it's all going to end in tears."



HOLLYOAKS

SLAPPER Steph Dean hits all the right notes with a sleazy pop star when she flaunts herself at a glitzy showbiz bash. The blonde (Carly Stenson, 22) - pictured wearing only a toy guitar - beds married Joe Jones then does a "kiss and tell" story.

And it leads to a feud between brother Craig (Guy Burnet 23), right, and her greedy half-brother Darren Osbourne (Ashley Taylor-Dawson, 22), left. An insider said: "Steph really will do anything for money."

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PAULINE SNUBBED

Closest kin won't be at her funeral

by NIGEL PAULEY
THE funeral of Pauline Fowler will be snubbed by both her daughter and grand-daughter.

No favourites from EastEnders' past will be at the graveside for the storyline next month.

Pauline's girl Michelle (Susan Tully, 39) and young Vicki (Scarlett Johnson, 21) will be staying put across The Pond.

A show spokesman confirmed: "No-one from the show will be coming back. Their absence will be explained in the story."

Sources claim Sue, now enjoying success as a

EastEnders

director, couldn't be persuaded to return.

And it was decided not to invite Scarlett, who left the show last year.

One series insider said: "Eyebrows will be raised at the absence of two of Pauline's closest surviving relatives."

Event

"Some people on the show feel it's very unrealistic. If Sue and Scarlett couldn't come back, maybe they should have hired other actresses."

"After all, the funeral will be the most tear-jerking event of the year."



EastEnders

MENTALLY ill Jean Slater breaks down when she is finally reunited with her badboy son Sean.

Jean (Gillian Wright, 34) convinced herself Sean (Rob Kazinsky, 22) was dead after he walked out on her with his dad.

But he shows up to surprise his mum and sister Stacey (Lacey Turner, 18).

Glynis cops a fair deal

EMMERDALE

EMMERDALE chiefs have lined up a real Christmas cracker for fans - blonde bombshell Glynis Barber.

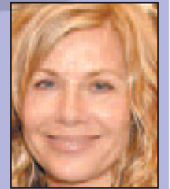
Action girl Glynis, who starred in 80s police saga Dempsey and Makepeace, will play glamorous murder squad detective DCI Grace Barraclough.

She arrives in the village on Boxing Day to probe the killing of Tom King (Kenneth Farrington, 70) on his wedding day.

ITV sources claim DCI Barraclough has her work cut out because TEN suspects are in the frame.

Glynis, 51, said: "I'm thrilled with the role in Emmerdale. It's been 20 years since I last played a detective, although this one is the boss."

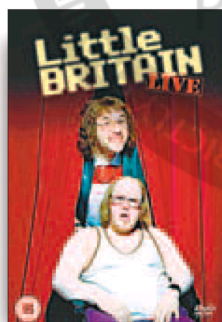
"I shall thoroughly enjoy playing the part."



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AUSSIE batsman Simon Katich, 31, married gorgeous Georgie Willis, 27, this year. She's rated fourth in the WAGs Test match.



DEMON bowler Brett Lee, 29, also walked up the aisle earlier this year – with sexy podiatrist Liz Kemp, 29, who came third in the survey.

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